

## THE MANNING TIMES

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The scrap between the president and the senate is progressing so sweetly it reminds one of the old days when bad boys tied the tails of two cats together and slung them over the clothes line.

Some want government ownership of public utilities, some prefer private ownership, and yet another class do not know what they want. And if business conditions do not become more settled soon we may reach the point where nobody will have anything.

Our irrepressible friend Carranza is somewhat peeved because the U. S. government has forbidden the shipment of arms and munitions across the border. But, then, we all know His Whiskership. He was born peeved, has lived a life of peevishness, and will peeve mightily when the devil assigns him to his allotted sphere in the hereafter.

"Vote, vote who stole the vote" seems appropriate for Charleston these days. The News and Courier says Hyde was elected mayor by the people. The Executive committee says Grace is the nominee. It now looks as if the courts will be called on to decide the muddle.

## STATEMENT

Of the Ownership, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

Of The Manning Times published weekly at Manning, S. C., for April 1919.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Clarendon ss.

Before me a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared I. I. Appelt, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor of the Manning Times and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912 embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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I. I. Appelt, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of August 1919.

E. B. Brown, Notary Public for S. C.

## A REDUCTION IN

## THE STATE LEVY

Comptroller General Announces Decrease to Nine Mills.

Columbia, Aug. 24.—Acting under authority vested in him by the last session of the General Assembly in the General Appropriation Act, Rut. L. Osborne, Comptroller General, has reduced the State levy from nine and

one-half to nine mills, entailing a saving to the taxpayers of approximately \$200,000.

In making the reduction the Comptroller General said:

"The Appropriation Act passed by the last General Assembly amounts to \$3,882,682.78. From this is deducted \$382,000, the amount estimated that will be raised from sources other than taxes. After making this deduction it will be seen that the amount to be raised by taxation is \$3,500,682.78.

"In 1918 the total taxable property of the State was assessed at \$378,000,000, this being an increase over 1917 of \$59,000,000. However, 1918 was the year for assessing real estate, and the increase for 1919 over 1918, it is estimated, will be about \$15,000,000, which will give the State \$393,000,000 worth of taxable property. It is thus shown that nine mills will raise the necessary amount.

"In fixing the levy it has been necessary for me to estimate the amount to be raised from sources other than taxes, and also the amount of taxable property in the State. The South Carolina Tax Commission has been engaged in equalizing the assessment of merchandise. This work was completed during the week and the assessments forwarded to the various county auditors. The tax commission also have been assessing automobile this year, and these classes of property are now placed on an equal basis of assessment with corporations, bayk and real estate.

"All property, real and personal, is being assessed on a basis of 2 per cent and our tax levy is nine mills. Were these assessments made on a basis of 100 per cent, as in many other States, the levy would be about four mills. It is in this manner that other States have such small tax levies, their assessments being made on 100 per cent basis.

"It is my opinion that South Carolina should adopt this 100 per cent basis, and thereby reduce the levy to less than half what it is at present. It was at the request of the General Assembly that the tax commission adopted the 42 per cent basis. A low rate of taxation is one of the biggest advertisements to outside capital a State could have. At the present time there are no income, franchise or inheritance laws in this State. Such laws should be passed by the next General Assembly. A large revenue could be derived from those sources which are contributing nothing towards the expenses of the State Government."

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